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# Editorial

## A SPECIAL GREETING

As we wind up another of news-paper publishing in Appomattox . . . .and it is a long way back to those first issues of 1891-92. We wish to extend a special greeting to some of the finest people on earth: the Correspondents who send in their interesting news letters of community events. These reporters are the very life of a weekly newspaper. Remember, no other paper in the world publishing the news of what's going on in each rural community but the home county weekly paper. Each issue is like a letter from home to countless subscribers in distant points. And the local reader interest developed by the letters is the pulling power that makes the average weekly newspaper the most thoroughly read and the most welcome publication in all the world. So a hearty greeting to the Correspondents! May their efforts continue and their tribe increase;

## THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM

A breath-taking world, where only headlines are able to keep pace with vital forces of history, has thrust suddenly upon Americans a deep concern for the preservation — and defense, if need be— of our heritage of freedom. The rush of events and a sense of impending danger have made that heritage seem infinitely more precious, but paradoxically, have allowed us little time to define our freedom clearly or to work out a definite formula for its preservation.

One reason for this confusion arises from the nature of freedom itself. "There are, so far as I can discover," says one writer, "no absolutists of liberty. I can recall no doctrine of liberty, which, under the acid test, does not become contingent upon some other ideal. The goal is never liberty, but liberty for something or other." It is not surprising then, that, like the blind men and the elephant, many Americans have come to identify freedom with special privilege. Many industrialists have felt that freedom meant the right to exploit their fellows; many citizens have used their freedom to ignore civic duty; many politicians have made freedom the means to distort issues for corrupt ends. Too many of us have seen in freedom the opportunity to get as much as we can for as little as possible.

The central goal of a democratic society is the common good, and the freedom in democracy implies that the responsibility for achieving that ideal shall rest equally on every man's shoulders. We are free to direct the destiny of America, but we must accept the consequences for the land. We are free headlessly to waste our resources, but we must accept the consequences of dust bowls and of erosion. We are free to allow groups among us to exploit others, but the whole nation must face the resulting poverty of body and spirit. We are free to retain antiquated economic systems, we must face inevitable unemployment.

An even graver responsibility has been placed on the shoulders of free men everywhere within the past few years. For the first time in its 150-year-old history, democracy as a way of life has been placed on the defensive in a hostile world. Competing ideologies have achieved fearful efficiency and tremendously effective forms of arms through denial of individual liberty and centralization of control. The great test for democracy elsewhere in the world is now being met. The test for American democracy is approaching. The outcome depends upon the use men make of their freedom.

For freedom, to be successfully preserved demands an even more rigorous bondage and discipline than does tyranny, because the bondage to truth and justice, and the discipline is self-imposed. The athlete who wins must practice stern self-control in habits and discipline in exercise. The scholar achieves greatness through disciplined thinking; the wonders of science which have helped free us from toil and disease were attained by discovering and observing the laws of nature.

In government, freedom is frequently the hardest, not the most pleasant, path. Tyranny is largely an admission of defeat. It results when men no longer possess the courage, the sense of responsibility, and above all, the intelligence to govern themselves.

The best defenses of freedom are free minds, and free minds must possess both understanding and intelligence. —The Lousiana Leader.

## DEMOCRACY IN THE SCHOOL

We have been most favorably impressed by the leadership Professor L. Crawley, of the Appomattox High school, is giving to the advancement of the ideal of democracy in the public school. Professor Crawley gives more than lip service to democracy. He is of that practical school which believes that if democracy is to preserved in a world of competing ideologies, it must in increased in youthful character. The place to preserve a group way of life is in the individuals composing that group.

Our school principal believes the new methods of instruction and the new curriculum inculcates observance of the democratic way of life. He says that in the old-fashioned class-room, the teacher was a dictator. Pupils did certain things as a dull routine because the teacher told to do those certain things. The new ideal is to make the child a partner in the educational set-up. The teacher is not a dictator, but a friendly fellow-worker. The student is adroitly led to Pupans, not coerced into knowledge.

We recommend to parents a sympathetic study of the program of practical democracy being worked out in our school.

## WINNING WEAPON

Here's a statement for Americans to pains in letters a foot high and hang up in factories, business offices and governmental departments all over this country. It comes from Col. Lenard P. Ayres, a prominent banker and statistician who is now working for Uncle Sam at Washington. He says:

"The task of defense is formidable, for Germany has a secret weapon. It is a weapon that we had once, and if it has partly slipped from our grasp we must regain it. The name of the secret weapon is Hard Work. We cannot win without it, but with it we can win." —Staunton Evening Leader.

## GET BUSY, AMERICA!

All America should make a joint resolution for the year 1941. We must dedicate ourselves to work and production. This young nation has an incomparable opportunity. Before our eyes history-making events are unfolding, and within our borders, the demands for commodities. Production must be organized on a vast scale. There must be a joining of all elements of our population for a common goal.

Mr. William S. Knudsen, of the National Defense Commission, laid the cards squarely on the table recently when he frankly said: "We are not doing anything compared to the forecast by the manufacturers and the commission in July and our hoped-for production figures for January, 1941, of 1000 planes per month, have to be scaled down by 30 per cent to be correct."

There words are a challenge to America. Our production schedule's lagging behind. We must speed and more concentration of effort. The nation must be "sold" on the seriousness of the emergency. We must put every defense plan on 24-hour production. We must rally the great powers of our industrial resources and do the job ahead. This paper believes that the fate of England will be decided this spring. We foresee a mighty "all-out" effort by Hitler, certainly by March if not before. It is futile to boast of what we can do by 1942, the decision of survival of our English brothers won't wait for us to be leisurely with our aid. We must not be misled by the victories being won over the Italians. No major war will be won or lost in Africa. History will be written this spring across the English Channel.

Frankly, we believe that at present, the American people are ahead of their government in the matter of crisis. Our leaders at Washington, our leaders of industry and labor must catch the spirit throbbing in the hearts, pulsating deeply with the twin bonds of blood kinship and community of interest. Let's have the plain, unvarnished facts of the situation and let's get on with the job of meeting the challenge.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Play safe— drive carefully.

Appomattox needs boosters.

Many students home from college for the holidays.

Phone 30 with Personals.

## WAR-TIME SMOKE

For some there have been reports that the British miss their Virginia tobacco. The current swap of airplanes for Turkish leaf, for example, is said to have delighted the Turks, but to have spread a certain amount of gloom among the British smokers. Old tastes linger with the smoker, and with the report that the British are still loyal to Sir Walter Raligh will please the Virginians, if not the Turks. For the cessation of Virginia's tobacco exports to Great Britain brought not a little travail on this side of the Atlantic. When the British cut off use of foreign exchange for American tobacco purchases in the midst of the 1939 auctioning season, the market closed, and serious dislocations were averted only by the intervention of the United States government. Now the growers are operating on a strictly curtailed three-year program, and Uncle Sam is holding millions of pounds of leaf on the assumption that British buying will be resumed someday. It looks as if their hope is well founded.

—Washington Post

## SKILLED LABOR

It is probably late now to bemoan the sudden shortage of skilled labor in America. We probably should decrease the number of skilled craftsmen, but the attention of our educational leaders must be focused on need for more vocational training. Some sort of system must be developed for the teaching of trades. More attention to vocational training in our public schools, and some sort of apprentice system, seem the most likely solutions. We would like to see governors of the several states call conferences to work out the problem of training skilled labor.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Quail season to close January 4.

## WEIRD DILEMMA OF ENGLAND'S HANGMAN

How Britain's executioner is forced to choose between hanging "The Murderous Mercy Widow" and risking suicide, or not hanging her, and losing his job. An illustrated feature in the January 5th issue of

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SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for December 29

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JESUS REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 12:35-48.
GOLDEN TEXT—Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.—Luke 12:48.

The Lord is coming!

One of the chief reasons for the worldliness in our churches today, the indifference toward soul winning, and the neglect of personal holiness, is that preachers and people alike have neglected the truth of the second coming of Christ. He is coming again—are you ready? Am I? These are serious and urgent questions.

I. The Lord Is Coming—Be Waiting (vv. 35, 36).

Lights burning and loins girt ready to serve Him, ought should be our daily attitude toward His coming. Believers are to be "looking for" Him (Titus 2:13). They "love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:8). Their hope is not in this world, but they are "looking forward earnestly desiring" (II Pet. 3:11, 12, R. V.) the unfolding of God's plan and purpose.

II. The Lord Is Coming—Be Ready (vv. 37-40).

He may come at midnight, or in the morning; we do not know the day or hour (v. 40, cf. Matt. 24:36), but it will be when the world does not expect it (vv. 39, 40). "Be ye ready" is the command to every Christian, ever watchful for the coming of our Lord.

The full meaning of verse 37 we will not know until we come to that glorious day, but it clearly indicates a great blessing and reward for those who are ready when He comes.

III. The Lord Is Coming—Be Busy (vv. 41-44).

Peter's question is not directly answered, here by inference he is told that he may be one of those to whom this blessing will come by being about the Master's business.

Critics of the teaching of the hope of the Lord's return sometimes say that looking for Him "cuts the nerve of missionary endeavor"; that is, makes men unpractical and visionary, not willing to work for God. To prove how untrue that is one need only investigate who it is that furnishes most of the men and means to evangelize the world. He will find that it is the evangelical believers in the Lord's return.

Looking for Christ means occupying until He comes (Luke 19:13), doing the Lord's work here and now (v. 42), while awaiting His coming.

"Jesus compares teachers to house stewards (Matt. 24:45, 46; Acts 20:28; I Cor. 4:1; I Pet. 4:10). A steward's business is to give to each one in the household his portion of meat in due season (John 21:15-17; I Pet. 5:2; Jer. 3:15). The faithful and wise steward is the one who actually does this. There are many foolish and unfaithful stewards who feed themselves, not the household (cf. Ezek. 34:2, 3); or they feed only a portion of the household; or they give something else than food (perhaps the social gospel, instead of the pure Word of God; cf. I Pet. 2:2; 4:10, 11); or they do not give food in due season.' The steward who is faithful and wise is also blessed. Having proved his fitness to rule, he is rewarded with larger rule. At the bottom of the unfaithful steward's neglect of duty lies his view that the Lord's coming is far off" (Bradbury).

IV. The Lord Is Coming—Be Holy (vv. 45-48).

The belief that the Lord will delay His coming leads to all manner of unbelief, betrayal of trust, and of sin. In the case of the servant in verse 45 there was first oppression of those under him, and then gluttony and drunkenness. The picture is revolting, but it was really prophetic of what has taken place even within the ranks of professing Christians in the church itself.

Neglect of the truth of God's Word, scoffing at the promise of Christ's coming (read carefully II Pet. 3:3-9) leads to that perversion of Christianity which is evident in much of the life of the church today, and which can only finally provide to turn away in disgust.

There is a solemn word here for preachers, teachers and Christian workers. A time of judgment is coming, and we are to answer to the Lord for the faithful use of our privileges and opportunities. It is a matter to which we need to give careful attention. If God has given us great opportunities, our measure of responsibility will be great. Every chance you and I have to present the gospel, influence the life of our acquaintances for God, turn the interest of our community or neighborhood toward righteousness, these are God's gifts of opportunity to us. We shall answer one day to Him for the manner in which we use them.

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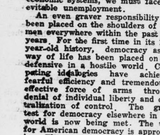

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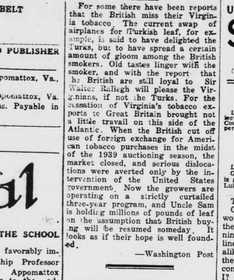

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Mrs. L. L. Gayle is spending this week in Richmond. Dr. Gayle will join her for Christmas day.

Miss Frankie McKinney and Dr. C. H. Swing will spend Christmas day in Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sweizer, of Wheeling, W.Va. will spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. C. G. O'Brien.

John Carroll Stanley, of Danville was in Appomattox this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pack are spending Christmas with Misses Emma and Lucy Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Seay and daughter, Lucy Watkins, of Lynchburg will visit Judge and Mrs. Joel Wood this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Eakin will leave the latter part of this week to visit relatives in Charlotteville.

Miss Junie McKinney is visiting her sister in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Spencer will spend Christmas at Victoria and Buckingham.

Miss Ella Smith is spending the holidays at her home in Tennessee.

Mrs. H. Frederick Jones and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell spent several days last week in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. T M Trent will spend Saturday for a trip to New York.

We regret to hear that Kinney Burton has pneumonia.

Friends are glad to see Edmond Hawthorne out out after a recent illness.

The Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Robinson, of Spring, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson.

All places of business, the post-office and banks are closed for tomorrow day.

Latest report is that only two are confined in the county jail for Christmas!

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Deane will spend Christmas day in Charlottesville.

Misses Maxine Glenn and Mary Bowen Miller and Frank Coleman, of Washington spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irie Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Godsey will move this week to 509 Belvedere Ave., Lynchburg.

Pace Smith, of Washington, is home for the holidays.

Howard Freeman, of Illinois, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Carlton Godsey.

Floyd Bingham, of Fork Union is here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Collins, of Washington will spend the week-end here.

Miss Sadie Reynolds and Lloyd Bradley, of Richmond will spend Christmas with Mrs. W. R. Reynolds.

Misses Sarah Myers and Sarah Wampler left Saturday for Bridgewater to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Abbitt Jr. will spend Christmas day at Altavista with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Godsey and son, of Pennsylvania are visiting relatives in the county.

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W. A. DRINKARD
Concord, Va.

A Christmas entertainment will be held at Liberty Baptist church Thursday night for the Sunday School.

The Lee Theatre is having a holiday matinee today.

Cadet George Cale, of Fork Union is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cale, in Hillcrest.

Miss Elaine McDearmon and H. F. Spencer attended the wedding of Miss Ruth Fizer and Kenneth Farmer in Bedford on Saturday evening.

Miss Mandane Anderson, of Princeton, W.Va. has arrived to spend Christmas with her friend, G. G. Anderson.

Miss Josephine Jenkins, of Washington and G. S. Jenkins, Jr., of Hampden Sydney College are home for the holidays.

G. B. Buchanan is out again after being sick several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Babcock of Amherst will spend Christmas day with her parents, Senator and Mrs. Chas. T. Moses.

Charles Thomas Mases of V.M.I. is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turnes of Hopewell visited this week in the home of Mrs Ola Paiteson.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### DIVIDEND NOTICE

The regular semi-annual dividend of $3.00 per share will be paid to the shareholders of the Farmers National Bank as of December 31st 1940.

The annual meeting of the shareholders will be held Tuesday, January 14th, 1941 Hour to be announced later.

—Farmers National Bank. (12-26-2)

NEWS! Eat Turkey at Beulah's Tea Room, for 35 cents, Will close Christmas day.

Beulah's Tea Room.

We take this means of thanking you for your patronage in the past and hope to serve you in the future. Will be at Guggenheimer's Beauty Salon, Lynchburg, Va. after January 1st.

Amma Lee's Beauty Shoppe
Amma Lee Godsey
Nellie Pearson

NOTICE: The Bonnie Beauty Shoppe will be closed for Christmas day only.

Winston Churchhill addresses an appeal to the Italian people to get rid of Mussolini.

This is our last issue of the year 1940. Next Thursday is January 2nd, 1940.

The Lions Club will not meet again in December.

## LOSS BY FIRES GREAT ON FARMS

### Fires Are Preventable, Expert Asserts.

By PROF. J. S. ROBERTS
*(Agricultural Engineering Department, Virginia Polytechnic Institute)*

Loss from rural fires averages $400 every minute of the day, a loss of the village home owner or farmer might reduce by his own efforts.

The farmer in particular points out, must be the own building inspector, zoning officer and in an emergency his own fireman and fire chief. If he does a good job in each case, he can do much toward reducing the unfaithful waste of his share of $225,000,000.

When possible, farm buildings should be in line at right angles to prevailing winds. With this arrangement there is less danger of sparks being carried from one building to another. Roofs of major farm buildings should be of fire resistant material. Chimneys may be cleaned of soot using a few bricks or rocks in a sack at the end of a long rope. Furnaces, stoves, and stove pipes properly installed and inspected regularly reduce a common cause of fires.

A system of grounded conductors gives protection against lightning. Carelessness in handling lamps and lanterns, in disposing of ashes, in storing and handling gasoline and kerosene and in allowing rubbish to accumulate where it becomes a fire hazard accounts for many farm fires.

The U. S. Engineers report that many serious rural fires have been avoided because ladders were at hand and water or fire extinguishers were readily available. This is a safety measure that is always highly desirable.

### Burn Out Stumps

Old stumps can be burned out with the use of saltpeter. First, put a hole two inches in diameter deep into the stump with a drill or hot iron. Drop two ounces of saltpeter into this hole and fill to the top with water. Plug up the hole entrance and leave until the liquid has been absorbed into the wood. Then fill the hole with paraffin or fuel oil and set on fire. If enough of the chemical has been used, the fire should burn until the stump is consumed.

## Wedding of Interest Last Saturday

Miss Edythe Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Martin, of Oakville, was married to Mr. Marshall A. Hunter, the son of Mrs. M. M. Hunter and the late Mr. Hunter on Saturday, December 21, at 7:30 P.M. in the home of the bride's parents. Only members of the immediate families and a few friends attended. Rev. O. G. Burnette performed the ceremony.

The home was decorated with ferns, cella lilies, white carnations and cathedral candles. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a wedding gown of white slipper satin with insets of chantilly lace in the sleeves and in the sweetheart neckline. She carried a bouquet of roses and lily-of-the-valley. Miss Gladys Martin, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a two-tone pink taffeta crepe and her flowers were a bouquet of roses. Mr. Sherman Hunter, of Gladstone, was best man for his brother.

Miss Mary Moore, a niece of the groom, was dressed in white taffeta and carried the ring in a calla lily. Little Miss Barbara Moore, a neice of the bride, wore blue taffeta and was the flower girl.

Before the ceremony, Mrs. Carolyn B. Cates sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly." She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Elizabeth Eaton, who also rendered the bridal chorus from Lohrengrin. Shubert's Serenade was played softly during the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of State Teachers College, Farmville and has done graduate work at Columbia University, New York. She is a member of the faculty of the Appomattox high school.

Mr. Hunter is an employee of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A reception followed immediately after the ceremony, after which the couple left for a northern tour.

## HARD SEED CAN PREVENT LOSS

### Helps Insure Against Crop Failure.

By CARLTON S. GARRISON
*(Assistant Extension Agronomist, Rutgers University.)*

Don't always reject field crop seed which happens to contain a relatively high percentage of hard seed. This hard seed may later prove a savior of permanent hay crops of alfalfa and red clover.

Hard seeds are not "duds." They are live seeds which fail to absorb moisture and sprout when kept for the official time of six or seven days in a laboratory under good growing conditions. They are a provision of nature to insure the reserve of live seeds in the soil. By spreading germination over a longer period of time, hard seeds often reduce risk of partial failure due to unfavorable conditions following seeding.

The state and federal seed laws, however, require that the percentage of hard seed be reported on the test tag used for labeling seeds for sale to farmers. Sometimes there is as much as 80 per cent hard seed present in a lot before hulling, but the scratching of the seed coat during the hulling process reduces the percentage.

The amount of hard seeds in alfalfa and red clover seldom need be a concern in determining seeding rates. In fact, if alfalfa is sown properly and not deeply at the rate of 15 pounds per acre, 30 to 50 per cent of the seeds may be hard. Without reducing the final stand of spring or early summer sown alfalfa. Moderate delays in germination due to hard seeds may thicken the stand by the end of the growing season if severe losses have occurred previously, thus hard seeds have a definite insurance value.

Scarification of alfalfa seed reduces its keeping qualities to the extent that it is not advisable. Likewise scarification of red clover seed is undesirable where the seed is to be stored for more than one year. If the rate of seeding red clover is eight pounds or more per acre and it is sown properly 30 to 40 per cent of hard seed will not injure the resulting stand but rather help thicken it.

For spring or early summer sowing, scarification of red clover seed is necessary to reduce the number of hard seeds. And if a fourth or more are hard, the usual rate of seeding may have to be increased. If small grain, hay or other legume crops are to follow, volunteer sweet clover plants will reduce the quality of the seed harvested.

Phone 30 with Personals.

## Weigh Farm Animals With Tape Measure

If you'd like to know the weight of your farm animals, but do not have a scale, get out your tape measure.

The Minnesota experiment station has just released an interesting booklet telling how to figure out the weights of live stock from measurements.

In the case of cattle and horses, you first find the heart-girth in inches (the distance around the animal's body just a little way back of the front legs). Next, find the length in inches from the pin-bone at the side of the tail to the prominence on the shoulder, located on mature cattle about one inch back of what is commonly called the point of the shoulder. See that the animal is standing squarely on its feet, with the head forward.

With these measurements taken, the heart-girth is multiplied by itself and the resulting figure is then multiplied by the animal's length. The product of these multiplications is finally divided by 300 to obtain the approximate weight of a cow. In the case of horses, the number obtained after dividing by 300 is customarily increased by 50 pounds.

The proper length measurement for hogs is taken from the base of the tail over the back to a point midway between the ears. Also, the proper dividing figure is 400 rather than 300.

## Sale of Fruit, Vegetables Doubles in Twenty Years

Average per capita consumption of fruits and vegetables in America is at least two to three times greater than 20 years ago, and maybe six to ten times that of 40 years ago, according to officials of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company. This greater domestic consumption is attributed to modern refrigeration and improved transportation.

## Fear

By MAGNUS OLESON
*(Associated Newspapers.)*
WNU Service.

THEY were dressing her for her wedding. Emily submitted passively, more concerned with the darkened sky and continuous roll of distant thunder than with the silks Mrs. Lape had been so busy over these past weeks. The two elderly women in the room tried to forget or ignore the coming tempest, though their efforts merely made them hysterically cheerful. Minerva Lape's babble was hindered by a hare-lip, but her troubled voice muttered as if in competition with the steadily lifting reverberations of the storm. Stout Ma Snavely had no such handicap.

Emily merely knew that they were talking. Pale and tremulous, with eyes glazed by emotion, she looked in her half-clad slenderness like fear itself by the window. Bittner's creek was bank full from the morning storm. She could see the liquid, yellow mud swirling under the old bridge.

Men's voices mumbled from the porch below. Emily impulsively flung up the window sash and leaned out. Her father was there, stiff and clumsy in his starched linen and black clothes; the hired hands were there in their clumsier best.

Emily had little more than a glimpse of the anxious group. Ezra looked up at the rattle of the window sash. His dark face flamed at sight of her and his lips parted. Her father glanced upward, too.

"He's comin'," Pa Snavely bellowed. "Seen his car racin' down Blackock hill."

Emily's mother pulled her back into the room and slammed the window. Emily heard little of the tirade that followed; it was something about showing herself shamelessly like that—and what would Ezra think? Though he'd be her man quick enough, if the storm would get by and the reverend would come.

"He's coming," Emily said. "Pa saw his car."

Driven rain lashed down unexpectedly, with an impact that smothered under its continuous roar the snap of lightning and crash of thunder. In the dusk they lit a kerosene lamp, lowered the window shade and went on hurriedly to complete Emily's costume. But Emily could not be kept in the center of the room. She was staring at the bridge, until at last, she saw a dark car dart over.

"Well," she said, "he got across. It didn't wash out."

"I'll run right down," Ma Snavely said. "Reverend Perkinson's a brave man—never afraid when it's the Lord's work. I'll tell him you'll be ready soon as the thunder stops."

"I'll go, too," Mrs. Lape said nervously. "Emily's ready now. It's comforting to have a man o' God in the house during such a terrible storm. Comforting and protecting."

"The Lord's work." Emily said and stared at the shaded window, where blue light came fitfully, and the rain clamored against the glass. It was hailing now. A tinkle of stones on the panes threatened to break them. "Yellow clouds," she thought fitfully, "always hailed." And again, "The Lord's work!" Well, money and fear had more to do with it than either. Fear of poverty and love of money. Ma had known how to use arguments like that. Pa's way had been more forthright; it had been: Marry Ezra, or take a beating! Hail came again; or was it hail? Emily ran to the window and whipped up the blind.

A yellow dusk was out of doors; dusk and the black rain, flecked by the blue glare of hurtled bolts. Sheets of water washed the window glass, but at times she could see the cars parked in the yard below; among them Ezra's roadster, already decorated with tin cans, and beside it a small, battered runabout.

The hail rattled again close to her face; but it was not hail. And the runabout was Jim O'Hara's. Of course, Jim! She flung the window open to the storm.

He extended his arms. His gay, Irish face was laughing as the water ran over it. His lips moved. She couldn't hear, but she knew what he was saying.

"If you're not afraid of the storm, darlin', and $30 a week—if you're not afraid—"

She had been afraid, horribly. Always she shrank to a pin-point when the lightning came. And she had been afraid of life—of $30 a week. But now she was afraid of Ezra; deathly afraid of his thick lips and flushed face and prisoning farmhouse. Fear of Ezra had smothered other fears. She had welcomed the storm, praying that it would wash out the bridge, do something, anything, to keep the Reverend Mr. Perkinson where he belonged, at home. Afraid of it! It was glorious!

She climbed to the window sill. Her white silks were instantly drenched.

"If you're not afraid, jump, darlin'."

Afraid! Emily laughed silently; laughed at the impotent thunder, the dull house and its stogy occupants, the lashing, drenching rain, the mud she was going to roll in; laughed at Jim's ugly car, Jim's wet face.

"Jump, darlin'."

Emily's laugh pealed out over the storm eagerly, gaily, a challenge and a triumph, as she obeyed.